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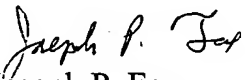
Applicant has canceled claims 6-13, 20-27 and 34-41, without prejudice.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the claimed invention on its merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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